

Abraham Lincoln papers

From Norman B. Judd to Abraham Lincoln, November 15, 1858

Chicago 15 Nov 1858

Dear Sir — I have been hoping and expecting to have a word from you but nothing Comes— If you feel as blue as I have since election I do not blame you— The future looks gloomy to me— I assume that having the power they will so district the State that we will be sold permanently —¹ and we are particularly vulnerable in this City and County— Their plans are already already maturing by legislation to take the control the city government — and they can do it and all we can do is Micawber like to wait for something to turn up— You have at once made a national reputation that cannot be taken away from you

¹ For Lincoln's more optimistic assessment, see Lincoln to Judd, November 15, 1858. For Lincoln's answer to this letter, see Lincoln to Judd, November 16, 1858.

I am in a worse situation than any one else— I ran the State Committee upon the most economical plan and it has unpaid bill to the amount of about \$2500.— I have written to Hatch² & Dubois³ about their subscription, but I get no answer, and I am in the boat— Our friends ought to help this matter out, or the party will be disgraced— A personal request from yourself to some of our leading friends throughout the State would help it out— Will Consult with the friends and see if anything can be done

² Ozias M. Hatch

³ Jesse K. Dubois

Yr friend

N B Judd

[Endorsed on Envelope by Lincoln:]

Answered

N. B. Judd

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